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CHARACTER SELECT

SILVER THE HEDGEHOG
YOUNG PSYCHIC

PROFESSOR VON SCHLEMMER
ABSENT-MINDED PROFESSOR

THE BITS
BYTE-SIZED ROBOT HELPERS.

GOLD THE TENREC
EX-COUNCIL,TELEPATH

THE COUNCIL
ONYX CITY'S BENEVOLENT LEADERS

PREVIOUSLY...

GOLD STANDARD!

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Silver the Hedgehog and his new friend, **Professor Von Schlemmer** are on a race to save their world from a disastrous force of nature—**the Genesis Portals!** The portals are shards of broken reality that threaten to tear apart all of space-time... or worse!

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But the rest of the Council have revealed their true colors and captured our intrepid trio—will they be able to escape the Council's clutches?

Then again... the Council may be the least of their problems...

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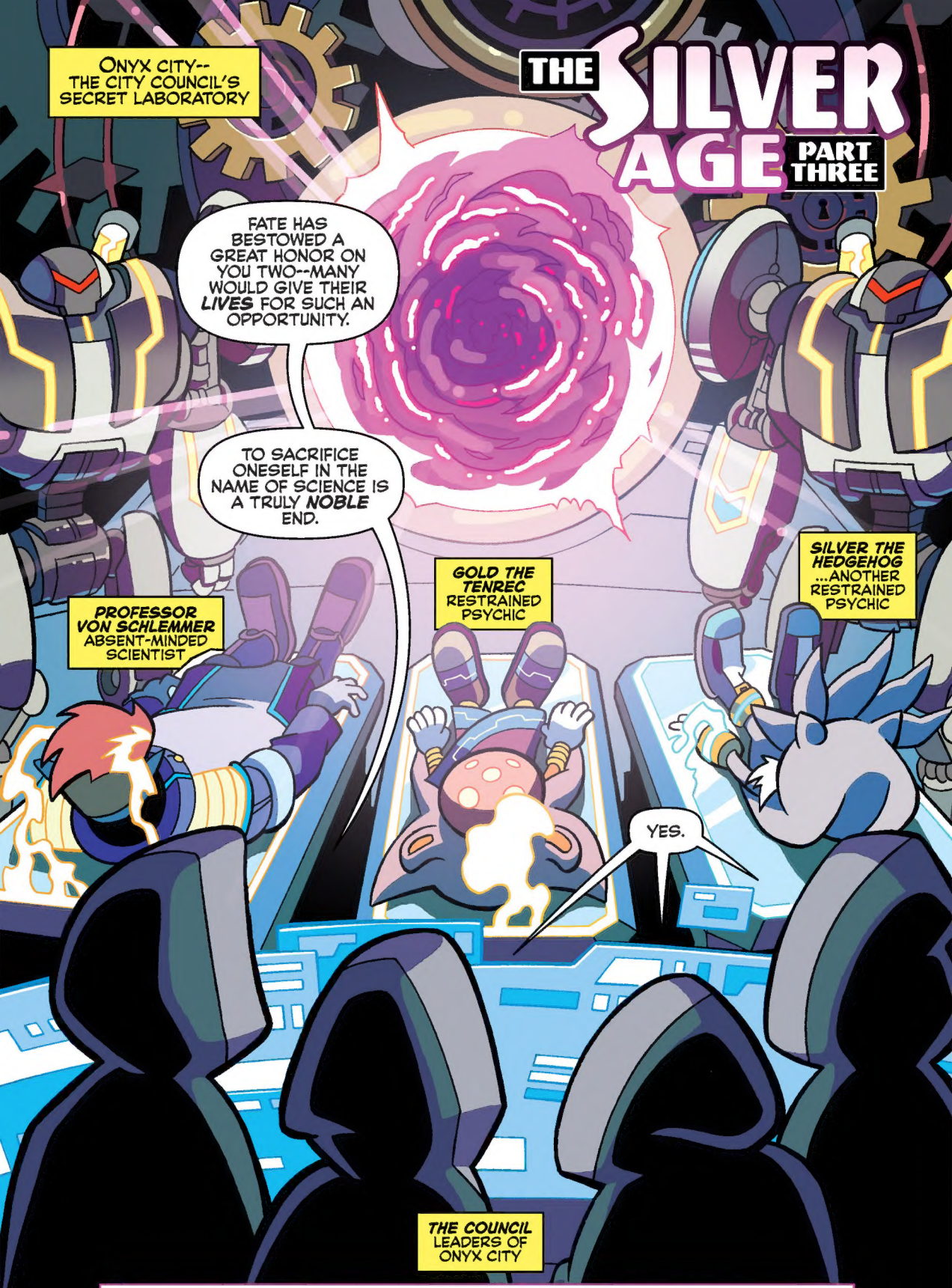

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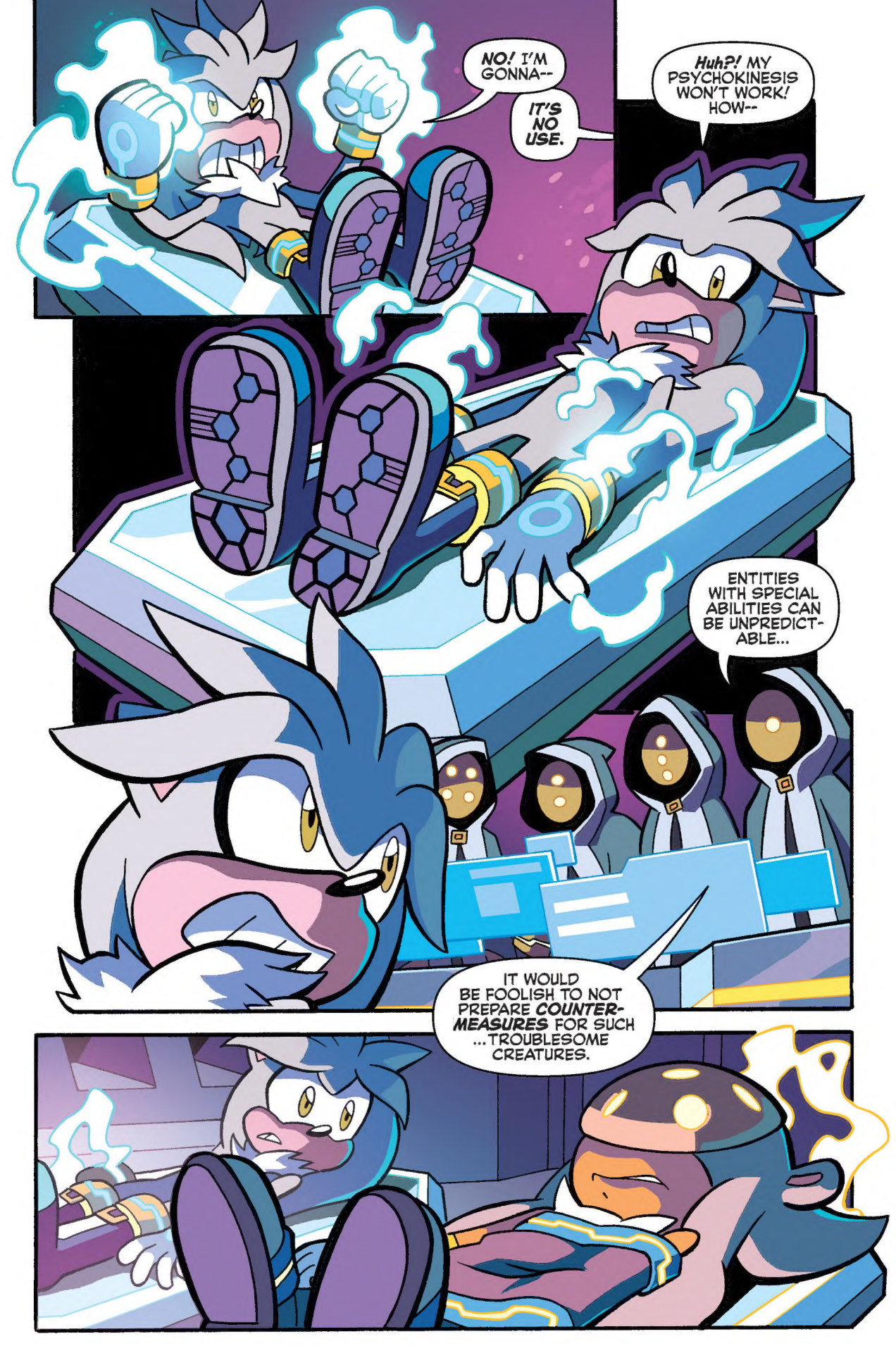
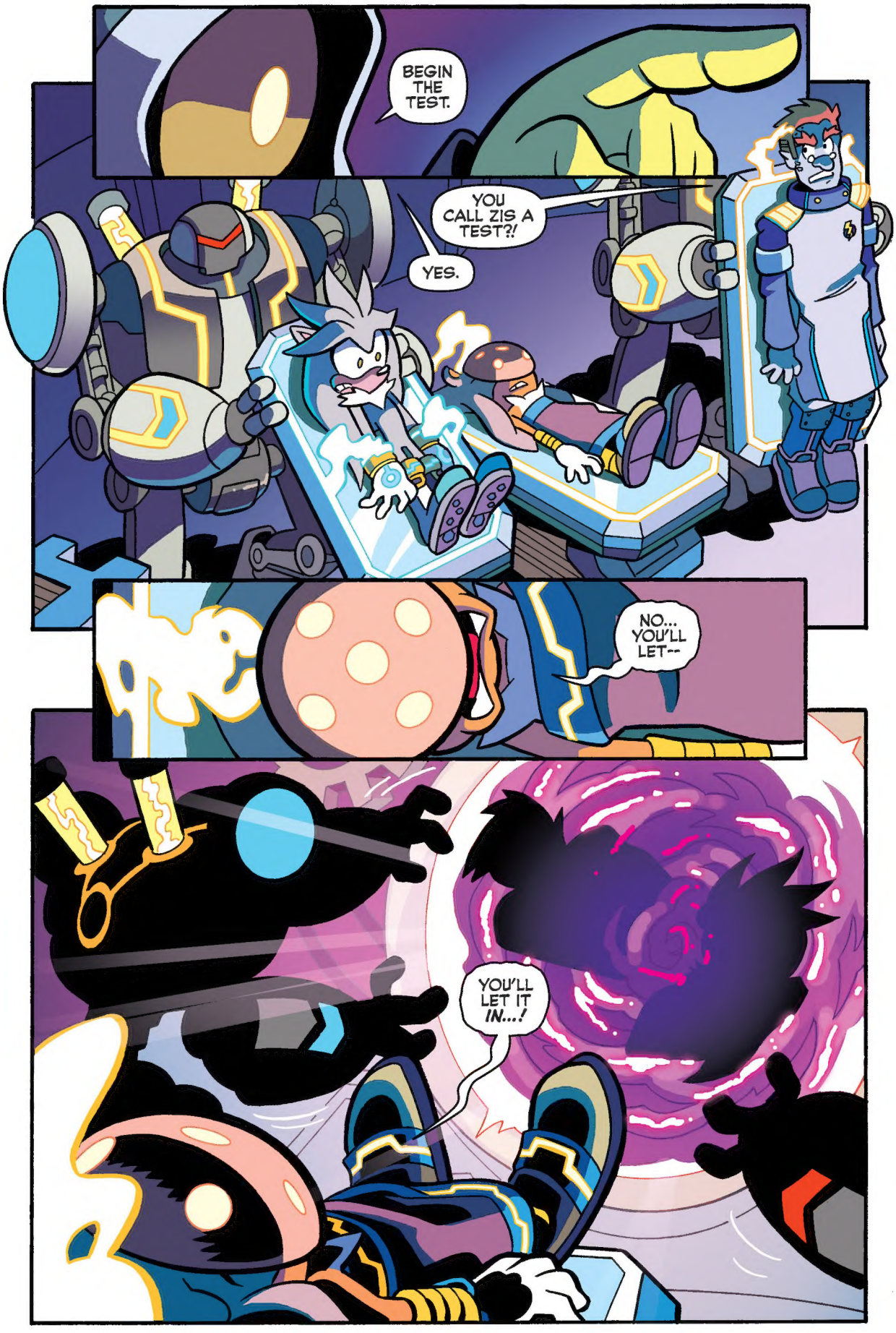
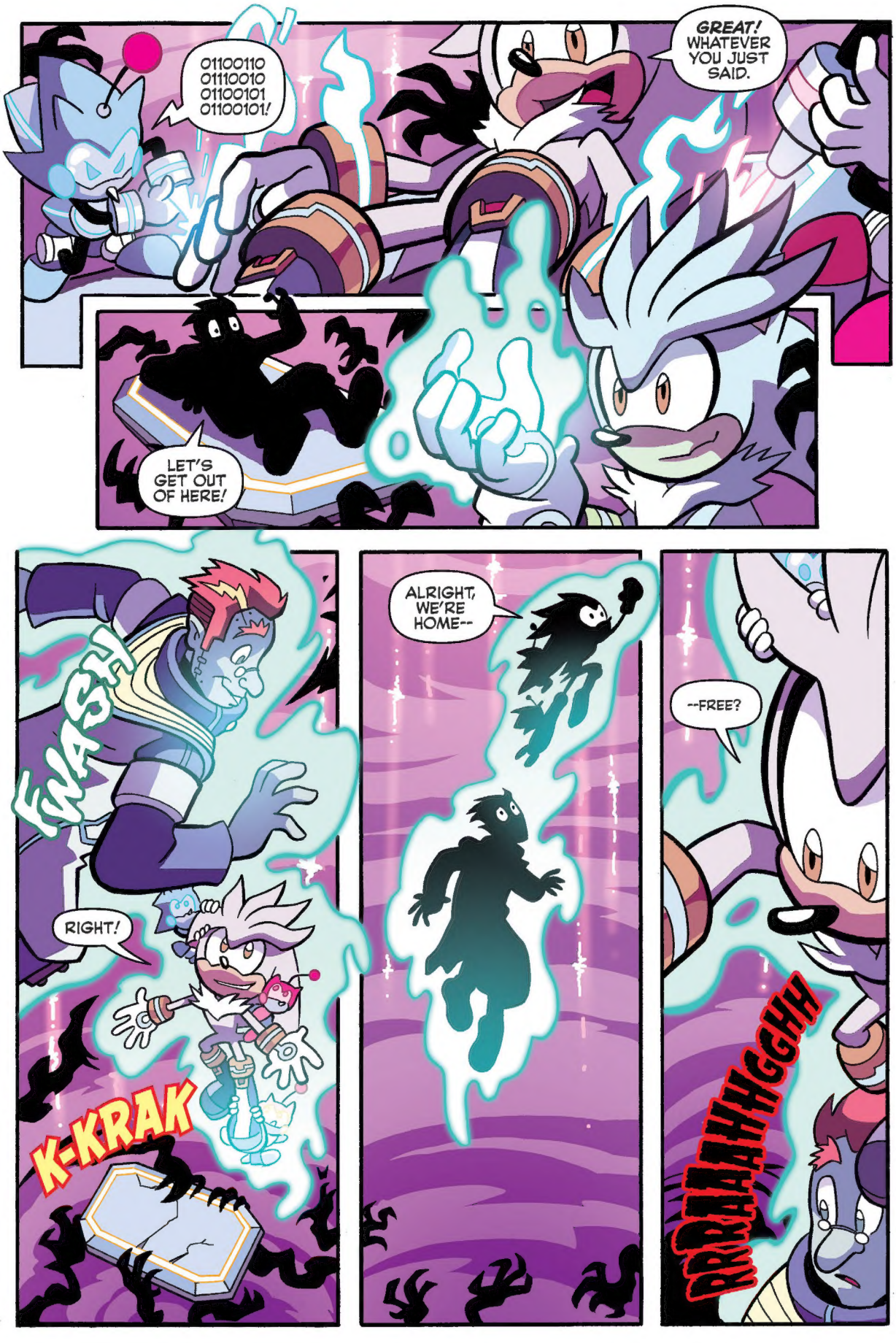

NO! I'M GONNA--
IT'S NO USE.
Huh?! MY PSYCHOKINESIS WON'T WORK! HOW--
ENTITIES WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES CAN BE UNPREDICT-ABLE...
IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO NOT PREPARE COUNTER-MEASURES FOR SUCH ...TROUBLESOME CREATURES.


BEGIN THE TEST.
YOU CALL ZIS A TEST?!
YES.
NO... YOU'LL LET--
YOU'LL LET IT *IN...!*

PROFESSOR!
AAH!
ZE BEAMS BROKE--I'M FREE?!
GET ME OUT, QUICK!

C'MON, ZHERE'S GOTTA BE SOME-THING...
?!
Oh, YA, I FORGOT!
ZIS SHOULD HELP A BIT!
ALRIGHT!
THE BITS
VON SCHLEMMER'S LAB ASSISTANTS--TRIPLE TROUBLE!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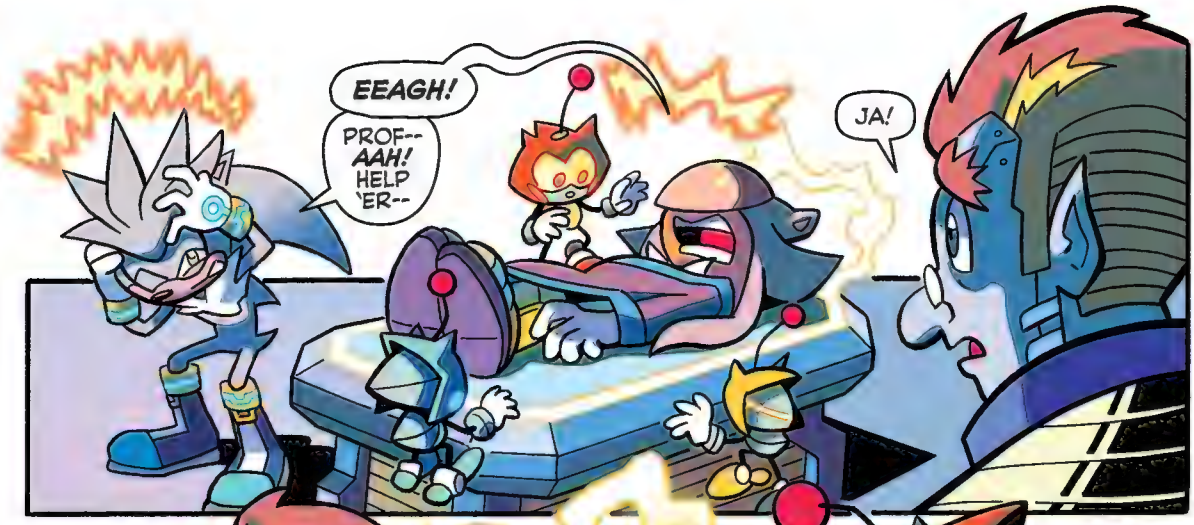
GREAT! WHATEVER YOU JUST SAID.
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
FWASH
RIGHT!
K-KRAK
ALRIGHT, WE'RE HOME--
--FREE?
RRRAAAHHGGHH

VAT VAS ZAT?
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...!
It's here!
WHAT'S HERE?
GRRROOOOAR
GYAH!
WHOOSH

HANG ON...!
Oh, NEIN...
ZE PORTAL HAS GROWN BEYOND CONTROL, JUST LIKE I THOUGHT IT WOULD!
PROFESSOR...
...I HATE IT WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT!


EEAGH!
PROF--AAH! HELP 'ER--
JA!

VHAT DID YOU DO, YOU--Huh?

WHERE'D ZEY GO?

WHAM

YOU CANNOT HOLD US HERE--ONYX CITY NEEDS OUR GUIDANCE!
YES!
YEAH--LIKE HOW WE NEED A HUGE HOLE IN THE WORLD!
...TRIED TO WARN YOU...!
ZIS IS VAT HAPPENS VEN YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT ZE CONSEQUENCES --YOU VON'T LIKE ZEM!

AS IF A SECOND-RATE SCIENTIST AND A PAIR OF FREAKS COULD--
NO...
"NO"?
Oh.

WHA-BOOM
NO WAY...!

TH-THE COUNCIL...
ACH DU HEILIGER STROHSACK! VAT HAPPENED TO ZEM?

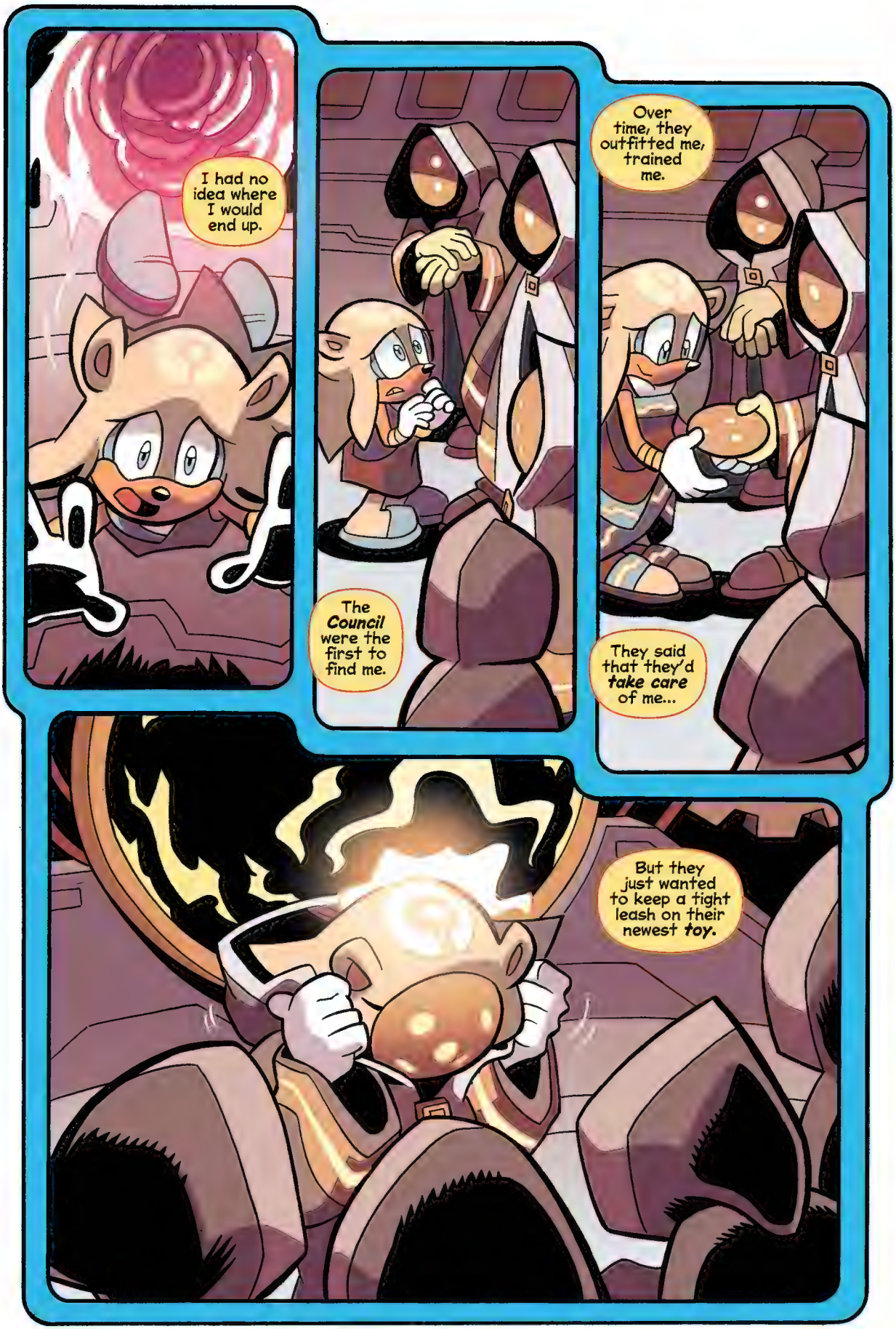
I-I TRIED...
NO USE CRYING OVER SPILT MILK, FRAULEIN!
KZAKK
THIS ISN'T GOOD! WE GOTTA--
WHA-BOOM

WHA-- Uh-OH!
DANKE, MEIN FRIEND!
Oh, NO Oh, NO Oh, NO...
GOLD, WHATEVER YOU DO...
...PLEASE DON'T HIT ME WITH ONE OF THOSE PSYCHIC WHAMMIES RIGHT NOW!

SECOND DEVOURER
CONSUMER OF WORLDS
GRRROOOOOAAARR

KRUNCH
WHAKK
IS EVERY-BODY--
01001011 01001111!!!
THE PROFESSOR!
I-I'M STILL PICKING UP BRAIN ACTIVITY, BUT HE'S--
--IN TROUBLE...
WHOOSH

NO...
IT'S HAPPENING, ALL OVER AGAIN...
WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHAT IS ALL THIS?!
When it took my city, my world...
All I could do was run.


I had no idea where I would end up.
The *Council* were the first to find me.
Over time, they outfitted me, trained me.
They said that they'd *take care* of me...
But they just wanted to keep a tight leash on their newest *toy*.

It was all I could do to keep them from taking my *mind,* too.
WE CAN'T STOP IT. IT'S NO USE.
SHWEEEEE
FWASH
KRUNCH
"IT'S NO USE"...
Huh?
I'M GETTING *REALLY* SICK OF PEOPLE SAYING THAT.

FIX THIS? BUT *HOW?!* NEXT TIME, GET READY FOR THE *BIG FINALE!*

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG***, ***SONIC SUPER DIGEST*** AND THE ***GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!***

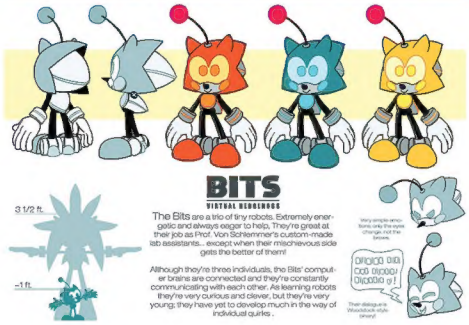
Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that's been "silver aged" to perfection!

BELOW: Adam Bryce Thomas' model sheet for Prof. Von Schlemmer's first appearance in the 2015 *Sonic Free Comic Book Day* issue.

BELOW: Evan Stanley's model sheet for Gold the Tenrec's first appearance in *Sonic Universe* #80. Note the height difference shown in the bottom left.

BELOW: Evan Stanley's model sheet for the Bits' first appearance. The Bits are loosely based on the virtual hedgehog simulator part of *Sonic Colors*.



Hey, Sonic fans!

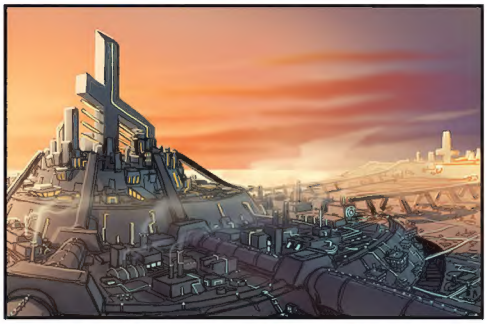
Holy hedgehogs! How crazy was that issue? The **Second Devourer** is terrifying, and even more so now that it's on the loose!

Tracy Yardley and the the whole *Universe* team did a great job playing up the ominous aspects of this issue. In fact, the characters and location of the entire "Silver Age" story have a pretty mysterious and dark feel to them. Writer **Evan Stanley** put a lot of thought into incorporating those themes into her writing and when designing the new characters featured in this story. Take a look behind the scenes and into the past with these production illustrations and references for the "Silver Age"!

Pretty cool, huh? Well there's more where that came from, but not 'til next time!

See y'all next month in *Sonic Universe* #82 for the ***BIG*** "Silver Age" finale!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
Editor



ABOVE: Evan Stanley's design concept for Onyx City. Introduced in *Sonic Universe* #79, its eerie, sunset setting is where "The Silver Age" takes place.

ABOVE: Evan Stanley's design concept for Silver's hideaway. Introduced in *Sonic Universe* #79, this is where Silver practices his powers in secret.

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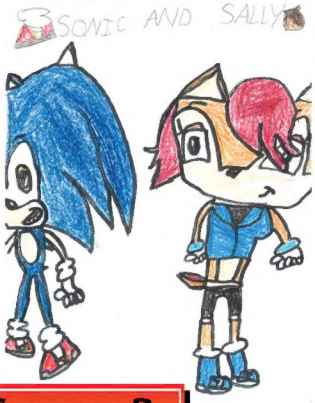

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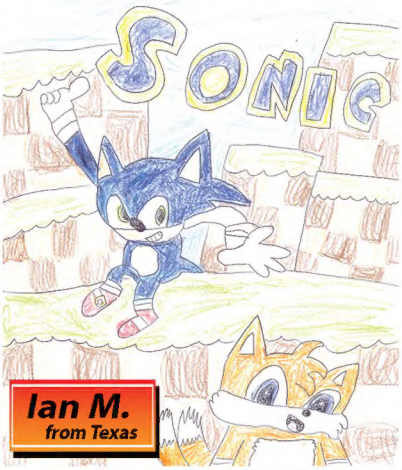

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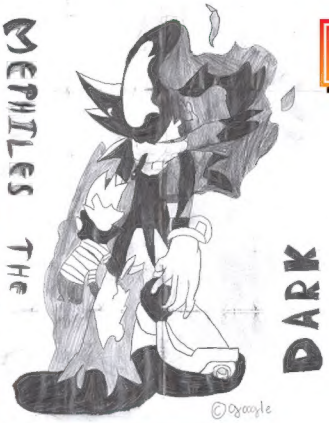

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OFF PANEL

PAINFUL Meme-ories OR EAR-WORMS OF ENDEARMENT

TODAY'S EPISODE:

PSYCHIC PROBLEMS!

Accidental Telepathy?

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have questions about Silver!

And I'm just the letter column answerer super buddy-fella-pal to tackle your serious questions with equally "serious" answers!

1) Who are Silver's parents?

*Nobody knows... **wiggles fingers and makes dark, ominous noises***

Some say Silver has no parents! Others say he slunk from the primordial ooze! Some even say he came from a future timeline to stop the Androids from... wait, that's another story entirely, nevermind!

2) Are his parents still alive in the future?

Of course not! It's the far future so, naturally, they haven't been born yet!

3) How did Silver get his powers?

He was bitten by a radioactive psychic.

4) What are your thoughts on Silver?

I prefer bismuth. Its naturally occurring geometric rock designs speak to me.

5) Who do you like the most out of Sonic, Shadow and Silver?

Knuckles.

6) I think Silver and Blaze should be a couple! Don't you think that both of them are super cute together?

From Silver's biggest fan
Keira R. sent to
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Not at all, Keira. Now Shadow & Amy—those two are a cute couple! I do wonder what their "shipping name" would be though... Shadamy? Amadow? Shadose? Shamy? Sheboygan? Shamalamadingdong? Sha—

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I've been the biggest Sonic fan geek since I was 8. The comic books really compliment the Blue Blur. I've been collecting issues since June 2012 and I'm still picking them up! My favorite pencil artist is Tracy Yardley! His pencil drawings look almost identical to the games. My favorite female character is Amy Rose. She is the best fashionable, hammer-swinging pink hedgehog out there! Just as awesome as Sonic the Hedgehog! Keep up the good work, Archie Comics!

The biggest #1 Sonic fan
you can imagine
Ashley W. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thank you for your kind letter, Ashley! It's fans like you that keep us motivated!
We hope you enjoy everything to come!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I love your comics! They are 900,000,000,000,000,000,000 times better than anything else on the shelves! Please give my regards to Tracy Yardley and Ian Flynn!

Wow! That is some high praise! Tracy and Ian are great guys with amazing talent and skill! I'm sure they'll appreciate the well-wishes and cheers from super fans like you!

I have a few questions for you. First, when were the Freedom Fighters redesigned and where was Sally deroboticized?

Their new designs, along with the new universe, were a direct result of the reality-breaking Super Genesis Wave, shown at the end of the Worlds Collide crossover available now in 3 graphic novel volumes! The FF's reintroduction was covered in Sonic the Hedgehog vol. 1 "Countdown to Chaos," also available now!

What species are Sally and King Acorn?

Sally is a chipmunk (note the stripe on her back that goes down to her tail) and her dad, King Acorn, is a squirrel.

Lastly, wasn't Bunnie flesh and blood thanks to Naugus and what does she mean by "Sho'nuff"?

Keep up the awesomeness
Ben A. sent to
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Well, Ben, Bunnie's deroboticization by Naugus was also undone with the Super Genesis Wave and "Sho'nuff" is a southern colloquialism, short for "Sure enough"!

Well... sho'nuff, jus' like that, we'll see y'all next issue! Ain't that a hoot? Hoo-wee!

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THE CONCLUSION